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FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 14240 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MILAN NAPLES
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 14240

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN-AMERICAN SEMINAR POSTPONED

1. ITALIAN PRESS OCTOBER 2 CARRIES REPORT THAT THE ROME
BASED INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED
THAT THE SEMINAR ON ITALY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN NEW
YORK FROM OCTOBER 24-26 HAS BEEN POSTPONED SINE DIE.
ACCORDING TO CORRIERE DELLA SERA AND PAESE SERA, THE
INSTITUTE HAS INDICATED THAT THE REASON FOR THE POST-
PONEMENT IS THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT NOT TO GRANT A VISA TO ITALIAN COMMUNIST
PARTY (PCI) FOREIGN SECTION CHIEF SERGIO SEGRE AND OTHER
POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PCI. IN A
RELEASE TO THE PRESS, THE INSTITUTE ALSO NOTES WITH
REGRET THE POLITICAL AND PRESS SPECULATION WHICH
THIS ISSUE HAS FUELED.

2. THE PCI HAS RESTRICTED ITSELF TO STATING THAT SEGRE
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HAD NOT APPLIED FOR AN AMERICAN VISA, AND TO REFERRING

INQUIRIES TO THE INSTITUTE. THIS IS IN LINE WITH
SEGRE'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT TO AN EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD
NOT APPLY FOR A VISA IF IT WOULD BE REFUSED AND THAT THE
PCI ITSELF DOES NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN OPEN POLEMICS
WITH US OVER THE VISA QUESTION. VOLPE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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